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E.O. 12065: DOS 9/24/87 (HURWITZ, EDWARD) DR-P  
TAGS: PEPR, UR, US, AF, EG  
SUBJECT: SOVIET MEDIA ON SADAT'S STATEMENT OF U.S. ARMS  
SUPPLY TO AFGHAN GUERRILLAS

1. (C) SOVIET MEDIA HAVE SEIZED ON EGYPTIAN  
PRESIDENT SADAT'S REMARKS THAT THE U.S. SECRETLY  
OBTAINED WEAPONS IN EGYPT FOR SUPPLYING AFGHAN  
REBELS. THEY ARE PREDICTABLY TAKING THE LINE  
THAT IT PROVES THE SOVIETS WERE RIGHT ALL ALONG  
ABOUT U.S. "INTERFERENCE" IN AFGHANISTAN. WE  
EXPECT THAT THE SOVIET PROPAGANDA APPARATUS WILL  
GIVE CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION TO SADAT'S COMMENTS  
TO BOLSTER THEIR CLAIM THAT THE REBEL GROUPS  
ARE FINANCED AND SUPPORTED BY U.S. AND CHINA  
AND THAT SOVIET TROOPS ARE IN AFGHANISTAN TO  
COUNTER THIS EXTERNAL AGGRESSION.  
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2. (LDU) KRASNAYA ZVEZDA ON SEPTEMBER 24 CARRIES A  
DETAILED ACCOUNT OF SADAT'S REMARKS (ALSO CARRIED  
IN A SHORTER VERSION IN PRAVDA THE SAME DAY) THAT  
BILLS THEM AS THE FIRST OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION THAT  
FROM THE VERY BEGINNING THE U.S. HAS BEEN ARMING  
AFGHAN TERRORIST GROUPS. MAIN POINTS OF THE  
UNSIGNED ARTICLE "WHO ARMS THE BASMACHI" FOLLOW:

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-- ACCORDING TO SADAT THE U.S. HAS BEEN PURCHASING EGYPTIAN ARMS FOR ALMOST TWO YEARS TO SUPPLY TO AFGHAN BANDITS;

-- SADAT SAID "YOU WERE VERY GENEROUS AND PAID ALL THE EXPENSES;"

-- ANTI-AIRCRAFT AND ANTI-TANK ROCKETS, WEAPONS AND MILITARY SUPPLIES WERE DELIVERED VIA PAKISTAN ACCORDING TO NBC'S SOURCES IN THE EGYPTIAN ARMY;

-- WEAPONS THAT WERE DELIVERED ARE SOVIET TYPE THAT HAD EITHER BEEN SUPPLIED EGYPT BY THE USSR IN YEARS PAST "FOR REPULSING ISRAELI AGGRESSION AGAINST ARAB COUNTRIES" AS WELL AS SOVIET WEAPONS MANUFACTURED IN EGYPT;

-- "NBC EMPHASIZED THAT (THE CLAIMS) ARE THE FIRST OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION OF THE FACT THAT THE U.S. HAS BEEN ARMING AFGHAN TERRORIST GROUPS FROM THE VERY BEGINNING;"

-- "FORMER OFFICIALS OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION HAVE INDIRECTLY CONFIRMED SADAT'S STATEMENTS" AS CONFIDENTIAL  
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HAVE "PENTAGON SOURCES;"

-- "AND SO THE SECRET IN THE UNDECLARED WAR WHICH THE U.S. TOGETHER WITH CHINA AND CERTAIN OF ITS CLIENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST IS CONDUCTING AGAINST AFGHANISTAN HAS BECOME EVIDENT. AS IS WELL KNOWN, OFFICIAL WASHINGTON FOR A LONG TIME WAS SILENT ON THE SUBJECT . . . THEN IN MARCH PRESIDENT REAGAN . . . ANNOUNCED THAT HE WAS PREPARED TO PROVIDE SUCH ASSISTANCE."

-- "THE UNINTENTIONAL REVELATION OF SADAT TEARS THE MASK OF HYPOCRISY FROM THE WASHINGTON ADMINISTRATION WHICH IS USING ALL EFFORTS TO MAKE MORE DIFFICULT THE POLITICAL REGULARIZATION OF THE SITUATION, WHICH IS BEING COMPLICATED AROUND AFGHANISTAN."

3. FOR KABUL: MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. MCCALL

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